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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ASK: "ARE BOOKS OBSOLETE?" ***Library Friends of San Diego County Announce this Year's Essay Contest Theme***

The Library Friends of San Diego County (LFSDC), an umbrella organization of Friends of the Library groups of the branches of the San Diego County Library, invite students and adults countywide to think about the question, "Are books obsolete?" and share their thoughts in an essay contest, with entries due at any branch of the San Diego County Library by Saturday, April 30. Essays should not exceed 500 words. Each participant is allowed one entry.

Judging will take place in two age categories: 1) Students through grade 12 and 2) Adults.

The first place winner in each of the two divisions will receive \$100; second place winners \$50; and third place winners: \$25. All six winners will also be recognized at an official, televised meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

Judging will be done on the basis of presentation, originality, and correctness.

Entrants will be asked to allow their essays to be published by the library and media in support of library promotion. Full credit will be given to the authors. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation suitable for framing.

The entry form, along with a flier, are available online at <http://www.sdcl.org/> and at all branches of the San Diego County Library. San Diego County Library locations are listed at the website and in the government section of the phone book under: San Diego – County of – Library, as well as from the East County and North County Mobile Libraries. Entries should likewise be submitted to any branch of the San Diego County Library or to one of the County's two mobile libraries.

For more information, contact: lfsdcessay@yahoo.com or call Dick Wayman 760-788-7908; Susan Davis 858-679-0410 or Katie Harte, 760-436-9421.

LFSDC Library Friends of San Diego County

2005 LIBRARY ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM/COVER SHEET

Staple this completed form to your essay **as a cover sheet**;
remove any other identifying marks on essay (to assure anonymity during judging).

Name _____
PLEASE PRINT

Address _____
(Mailing Address, include Apt No)

(City) (ST) (Zip)

Home Phone (_____) _____ Email _____
(Area)

Your San Diego County Library/SDCL* Branch _____

For Students: School _____ City _____ Grade _____

(if class project) Teacher _____

Criteria: Essays must be typed double-spaced; single sided, no longer than 500 words. Only one submission per entrant. Any use of another's words or work (including online) must be acknowledged with appropriate reference. All essays will be judged on presentation, originality and correctness by a panel of community members.

Signatures (*must be completed when submitted*): I/We certify that this essay is the original work of the entrant. We give permission for the essay to be reproduced for promotional use. We understand that the objective of this opportunity is recognition and that there is no compensation beyond prizes mentioned.

ENTRANT'S SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

— If Entrant under 18, signature of legal guardian _____

SUBMIT ENTRY TO SDCL-Ramona Branch, BY APRIL 30, 2005

— using this entry form as a cover sheet, no other identity on the essay, for anonymous judging —

via SDCL Branch* Intralibrary Mail (find at www.sdcl.org, or
in telephone directory, blue-bordered "Government" section preceding white pages); or
via USPS mail: Ramona Branch, 1406 Montecito Rd., Ramona, CA 92075.

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